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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 September 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-55 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-55 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cain (US 5,448,631).
2. In regards to claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 35, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, and 54, Cain discloses a system, method, and computer-readable medium for comparing feature package operational statuses of two or more switches, the system comprising: a first switch (feature module 1), the first switch including a first set of feature packages; a second switch (feature module N), the second switch including a second set of feature packages; a computer (basic call processor 13) coupled to the first switch and to the second switch (Fig. 1), the computer to receive a first set of feature package information and a second set of feature package information, the first set of feature package information corresponding to the first set of feature packages, the second set of feature package information corresponding to the second set of feature packages, the computer to compare the first set of feature package information with the second set of feature package information (col. 4 lines 3-20, col. 4 lines 26-43, col. 7-8 lines 48-8, and col. 12 lines 26-42).

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3. In regards to claims 2, 16, 42, and 43, Cain discloses the system and method, wherein the first switch is a first telecommunications switch and the second switch is a second telecommunications switch (col. 3-4 lines 57-2 and col. 4 lines 26-43).

4. In regards to claims 6, 10, 19, 23, 29, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41, Cain discloses the system and method, wherein the computer is to receive a first switch identifier corresponding to the first switch and a second switch identifier corresponding to the second switch (col. 5 lines 15-32).

5. In regards to claims 7 and 20, Cain discloses the system, wherein the first switch identifier is a first common language location identifier and the second switch identifier is a second common language location identifier (col. 5 lines 52-68 and col. 6 lines 17-35).

6. In regards to claims 9, 11, 12, 22, 24, 33, 47, 51, and 55, Cain discloses the system and method, wherein the first operational status is one of enabled and not enabled and the second operational status is the other of enabled and not enabled (col. 10 lines 28-46).

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Marks et al (US 5,715,303) teaches a method and system for configuring a telecommunication switch and identifying a record generated by same.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number is (703) 308-1727. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30pm.
9. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (703)305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.
10. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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June 25, 2004


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